

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN
Charter Amendment Resolution No. 14-CR-02

Introduced By:

Mayor Michael E. Bennett

Date Introduced:

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

A CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION concerning

Mayor and Council Member Qualifications

- 1 **FOR** the purpose of altering certain residency requirements for the Mayor and Council
2 members; clarifying that the Mayor and Council members must maintain these
3 qualifications during the entire term of office; altering the vote required to fill a
4 vacancy in the office of Mayor; and generally related to revisions to the qualifications
5 for the Mayor and Council members to hold office.
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7 **BY** repealing and reenacting, with amendments
8 §IV. The Mayor
9 Sections IV.3 and IV.7
10 Charter of the City of Aberdeen (as published by General Code Corporation)
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12 **BY** repealing and reenacting, with amendments
13 §V. The City Council
14 Section V.4
15 Charter of the City of Aberdeen (as published by General Code Corporation)

EXPLANATION:

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW
((Double Parenthesis)) indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to Resolution.

~~Strike Out~~ indicates matter stricken from Resolution by amendment or
deleted from the Charter by amendment.

* * * indicates existing unmodified text omitted from Resolution

1 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
2 **ABERDEEN** that Section IV.3 and IV.7 of the Charter of the City of Aberdeen (as published by
3 General Code Corporation), §IV. The Mayor, is amended to read as follows:
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5 **§ IV. The Mayor.**
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7 3. The Mayor shall have the qualifications set forth in this section AT THE TIME OF
8 ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF
9 MAYOR AND DURING THE ENTIRE TERM OF OFFICE. The Mayor must have been
10 domiciled in the City for at least two years immediately preceding election OR
11 APPOINTMENT and must be a qualified voter of the City. The Mayor shall be at least
12 25 years of age on the Monday following the mayoral election or appointment to fill a
13 vacancy in the office of Mayor. A candidate for Mayor must not also simultaneously be a
14 candidate for City Council member. If a member of the City Council is elected or
15 appointed Mayor, that person shall be deemed to have resigned as a member of the City
16 Council upon assuming the office of Mayor.
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18 7. In case of a vacancy in the office of Mayor, for any reason, the Council shall, by a
19 majority vote OF THE ENTIRE COUNCIL, elect a ((qualified)) person SATISFYING
20 THE QUALIFICATIONS IN §IV.3 to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired
21 term.
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23 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE**
24 **CITY OF ABERDEEN** that Section V.4 of the Charter of the City of Aberdeen (as published
25 by General Code Corporation), §V. The City Council, is amended to read as follows:
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27 **§ V. The City Council.**
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29 4. EACH COUNCIL MEMBER SHALL HAVE THE QUALIFICATIONS SET FORTH
30 IN THIS SECTION AT THE TIME OF ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT TO FILL A
31 VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER AND DURING THE ENTIRE
32 TERM OF OFFICE. Council members shall have been domiciled in the City for at least
33 two years immediately preceding their election OR APPOINTMENT and must be
34 qualified voters of the City.
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36 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE**
37 **CITY OF ABERDEEN** that the date of adoption of this Resolution is _____, 2014, and
38 the amendment of the Charter of the City of Aberdeen hereby enacted shall become effective on
39 _____, 2014, unless a proper petition for referendum hereon shall be filed as permitted by
40 law, provided a complete and exact copy of this Resolution shall be continuously posted on the

bulletin board in Aberdeen City Hall until _____, 2014, and provided further that a copy of the title of this Resolution shall be published in The Record, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Aberdeen, or in any other newspaper of such general circulation, once in each of the weeks beginning _____, _____, _____, and _____, 2014.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN that the City Clerk is hereby specifically commanded to carry out the provisions of Section 3, hereof, and, as evidence of such compliance, the City Clerk shall cause to be maintained appropriate certificates of publication of the newspaper or newspapers in which the title of the Resolution shall have been published. If a favorable referendum is held on the Charter change, the Mayor shall proclaim the Charter change hereby enacted to have been approved by the voters and the charter amendment shall become effective on the date provided by law.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN that as soon as the Charter Amendment hereby enacted shall become effective, either as provided herein or following a referendum, the City Clerk shall send by mail to the Department of Legislative Services of Maryland, a clear certified copy of this Resolution showing the number of Councilpersons voting for and against it and a report on the votes cast for or against the amendment hereby enacted at any referendum thereon and the date of such referendum.

The above Charter Amendment was enacted by the foregoing Resolution which was passed at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Aberdeen on _____, 2014, _____ members of the Council voting in the affirmative, _____ members of the Council voting in the negative, _____ members of the Council abstaining, and _____ members of the Council absent, and the said Resolution becomes effective accordance with the law on the _____ day of _____, 2014.

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN

Michael E. Bennett, Mayor

Ruth E. Elliott, Councilwoman

Bruce E. Garner, Councilman

Sandra J. Landbeck, Councilwoman

Ruth Ann Young, Councilwoman

ATTEST:

SEAL:

Monica A. Correll, City Clerk

Date _____